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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LEWKOWICZ ET AL.

Examiner

Joel M. Lamprecht

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-27, 29-31 and 35-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-27, 29-31, 35-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 24-27, 29-31 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 24, the claim fails to provide a connection between the imaging capsule and step of obtaining a fluorescent image. It is unclear as to whether the image is obtained with use of the capsule. Regarding claim 29, "an ingestible capsule" should be "the ingestible capsule". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 24-27, 29-31, and 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Madar et al (US 2004/0092825). Madar et al disclose a method for image diagnosis of the GI tract including administering an ingestible capsule, administering fluorescent dye to the patient (0091-0104), flashing the GI tract with light of different wavelengths so as to acquire images at different time periods, ranges, or fluorescence (0120, 0127-0128), obtaining a fluorescent image of the GI tract during periods of fluorescent reflectance (0130, 0119-0123), wirelessly transmitting data from

the capsule (0060, 0119-0123), obtaining both a white-light based reflectance image and a specific fluorescent reflectance image (0140, 0127, 0168, 0122, 0064) on the same detector (0140). The light received is focused onto a detector and processed to obtain diagnostic information or to assist surgical procedures (0140, 0122, 0064, 0168, 0127-0130). The light which is transmitted can be of a monochromatic or polychromatic fashion and multiple different LED configurations can be used for specific transmission purposes (0060, 0118-0123, 0127, 0140).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joel M. Lamprecht whose telephone number is (571) 272-3250. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian L. Casler can be reached on (571)272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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